IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims

in this application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1.   (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus

comprising:

first display control means for controlling the display of one or more

thumbnails that are permitted to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential

manner;

determination means for determining whether or not a predetermined time

has passed with respect to a selection of said one or more thumbnails; and

second display control means for controlling, if said predetermined time is

found to have passed with respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, the

display of additional attribute information associated with said one or more thumbnails at

a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said one or more

thumbnails, [[;]]

wherein a speed of selection of said one or more thumbnails determines a

speed at which said one or more thumbnails are displayed,

wherein the predetermined time determines the amount of time elapsed

between the selection of said one or more thumbnails and the display of the additional

attribute information, and

wherein said second display control means controls the display so that said

information associated with said one or more thumbnails are displayed in a

semitransparent frame or on a semitransparent background.

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An information processing method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

controlling the display of one or more thumbnails that are permitted to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;

determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect to a selection of said one or more thumbnails; and

controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, <u>the display of</u> additional attribute information associated with said one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said one or more thumbnails<u>,</u> [[;]]

wherein a speed of selection of said one or more thumbnails determines a speed at which said one or more thumbnails are displayed<u>,</u>

<u>wherein the predetermined time determines the amount of time elapsed between the selection of said one or more thumbnails and the display of the additional attribute information, and</u>

<u>wherein controlling the display so that said information associated with said one or more thumbnails are displayed in a semitransparent frame or on a semitransparent background.</u>

4.   (Currently Amended) A program storage medium for storing a computer-readable program comprising ~~the steps of~~:

controlling the display of one or more thumbnails that are permitted to

overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;

determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect

to a selection of said one or more thumbnails; and

controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with

respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, the display of additional attribute

information associated with said one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position

corresponding to the display position of said one or more thumbnails, [[;]]

wherein a speed of selection of said one or more thumbnails determines a

speed at which said one or more thumbnails are displayed,

wherein the predetermined time determines the amount of time elapsed

between the selection of said one or more thumbnails and the display of the additional

attribute information, and

wherein controlling the display so that said information associated with

said one or more thumbnails are displayed in a semitransparent frame or on a

semitransparent background.

5.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable program comprising

~~the steps of~~:

controlling the display of one or more thumbnails that are permitted to

overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;

determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect

to a selection of said one or more thumbnails; and

controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with

respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, <u>the display of</u> additional attribute

information associated with said one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position

corresponding to the display position of said one or more thumbnails<u>. [[;]]</u>

wherein a speed of selection of said one or more thumbnails determines a

speed at which said one or more thumbnails are displayed<u>,</u>

<u>wherein the predetermined time determines the amount of time elapsed</u>

<u>between the selection of said one or more thumbnails and the display of the additional</u>

<u>attribute information, and</u>

<u>wherein controlling the display so that said information associated with</u>

<u>said one or more thumbnails are displayed in a semitransparent frame or on a</u>

<u>semitransparent background</u>.

6.   (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus

according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined shape is a line.

7.   (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus

according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined shape is a circle.

8.   (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus

according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined shape is an ellipse.

9.   (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus

according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined shape is a spiral.

10.   (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus

according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined shape is a polygon.

11.   (Previously Presented) The information processing method

according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined shape is a line.

12.   (Previously Presented) The information processing method

according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined shape is a circle.

13.   (Previously Presented) The information processing method

according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined shape is an ellipse.

14.   (Previously Presented) The information processing method

according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined shape is a spiral.

15.   (Previously Presented) The information processing method

according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined shape is a polygon.

16.   (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus

according to claim 1, wherein said one or more thumbnails represent audio data, video

data, audio/video data, text data, Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) data or software

specific data.

17.   (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus

according to claim 16, wherein a user is capable of predicting the size of said audio data

by only viewing the thumbnail corresponding to said audio data.

18.   (Previously Presented) The information processing method

according to claim 3, wherein said one or more thumbnails represent audio data, video

data, audio/video data, text data, Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) data or software

specific data.

19.   (Previously Presented) The information processing method

according to claim 18, wherein a user is capable of predicting the size of said audio data

by only viewing the thumbnail corresponding to said audio data.

20.   (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus

comprising:

first display control means for controlling the display of one or more

thumbnails that are permitted to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential

manner;

determination means for determining whether or not a predetermined time

has passed with respect to a selection of said one or more thumbnails; and

second display control means for controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, the display of additional attribute information associated with said one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position corresponding to the display position of said one or more thumbnails, [[;]]

wherein said predetermined shape is selected from the group consisting of a line, a circle, an ellipse, a spiral and a polygon, [[; and]]

wherein a speed of selection of said one or more thumbnails determines a speed at which said one or more thumbnails are displayed,

wherein the predetermined time determines the amount of time elapsed between the selection of said one or more thumbnails and the display of the additional attribute information, and

wherein said second display control means controls the display so that said information associated with said one or more thumbnails are displayed in a semitransparent frame or on a semitransparent background.

21.   (Currently Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

controlling the display of one or more thumbnails that are permitted to overlap in a predetermined shape and non-sequential manner;

determining whether or not a predetermined time has passed with respect to a selection of said one or more thumbnails; and

controlling, if said predetermined time is found to have passed with

respect to said selection of said one or more thumbnails, the display of additional attribute

information associated with said one or more thumbnails at a predetermined position

corresponding to the display position of said one or more thumbnails. [[;]]

wherein said predetermined shape is selected from the group consisting of

a line, a circle, an ellipse, a spiral and a polygon, [[; and]]

wherein a speed of selection of said one or more thumbnails determines a

speed at which said one or more thumbnails are displayed,

wherein the predetermined time determines the amount of time elapsed

between the selection of said one or more thumbnails and the display of the additional

attribute information, and

wherein controlling the display so that said information associated with

said one or more thumbnails are displayed in a semitransparent frame or on a

semitransparent background.